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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

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For: WIRING PATTERN AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME AND  
THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE  
SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 24, delete lines 24-26.

Page 24, lines 4-5, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

Fig. 9 is a cross sectional and plan view, respectively illustrating the known thin film magnetic head;

Page 24, lines 16-17, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

Figs. 22A and 22B are cross sectional views representing a next manufacturing step;

Page 24, lines 18-20, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

Figs. 23-31 are cross sectional views showing successive steps of an embodiment of the method of manufacturing a conductive pattern according to the invention; and

Page 24, lines 21-23, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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Figs. 32-39 are cross sectional views depicting successive steps of another embodiment of the method of manufacturing a conductive pattern according to the invention.

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 remain pending in this application.

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Brief Description of the Drawings is amended to: 1) only refer to Figure 9, instead of Figures 9A and 9B; 2) refer to Figures 22A and 22B, instead of Figure 22; and 3) delete any reference to Figures 42-46.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

Page 24, lines 24-26 are deleted.

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